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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Hermann Grether

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Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2008 [Paper No. 20081028] and is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate petition for extension of time. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith along with a Declaration of Mr. Christoph Weis under 37 C.F.R. §1.132.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: